



PATENT

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Serial No. 10/532,794

Confirmation No. 6624

In re Application of:

Group Art Unit: 1774

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Examiner: Dawn L. Garrett

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For: MATERIAL FOR ORGANIC ELECTROLUMINESCENT DEVICE AND ORGANIC
ELECTROLUMINESCENT DEVICE USING SAME

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DECLARATION UNDER 37 C.F.R. 1.132

I, Masakazu Funahashi, declare:

1. I am employed by Idemitsu Kosan Co., Ltd., Tokyo, Japan.
2. I believe that I am the original, first and sole inventor of the subject matter which is claimed and for which a patent is sought on the above-captioned application, the specification of which was filed on April 25, 2005, as Application Serial No. 10/532,794, and claims benefit from PCT Application No. PCT/JP03/13366, filed on October 20, 2003, which in turn claims priority to Japanese Patent Application 2002-327956, filed November 12, 2002.
3. I have reviewed the Office Action dated December 5, 2006 issued in this application. In this Office Action, claims 1-7 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 102(e) as being anticipated by Matsuura et al. U.S. Patent Application Pub. No. 2005/0064233 A1, filed July 11, 2003, and claiming priority to Japanese Patent Application 2002-211308, filed July 19, 2002. I am a named inventor of Matsuura et al. U.S. Patent Application Pub. No. 2005/0064233 A1.

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4. Matsuura discloses an electroluminescence device including a compound represented by the general formula (V-a) (Matsuura ¶¶ 27-29) and specific examples EM111, EM112, EM113 and EM115 to EM120 (Matsuura pp. 23-24).

5. I believe that I am the original, first and sole inventor of the electroluminescence device material represented by the general formula (V-a) (Matsuura ¶¶ 27-29) and specific examples EM111, EM112, EM113 and EM115 to EM120 (Matsuura pp. 23-24), which was not claimed in Matsuura.

6. The other three inventors named on Matsuura, Masahide Matsuura, Kenichi Fukuoka, and Chisio Hosokawa are not inventors of the electroluminescence device material represented by the general formula (V-a) (Matsuura ¶¶ 27-29) and specific examples EM111, EM112, EM113 and EM115 to EM120 (Matsuura pp. 23-24).

7. Therefore, the electroluminescence device material represented by the general formula (V-a) (Matsuura ¶¶ 27-29) and specific examples EM111, EM112, EM113 and EM115 to EM120 (Matsuura pp. 23-24) was not invented "by another."

8. All statements made herein of my knowledge are true and all statements made on information and belief are believed to be true; and further these statements were made with the knowledge that willful false statements and the like so made are punishable by fine or imprisonment, or both, under Section 1001 of Title 18 of the United States Code and that such willful false statements may jeopardize the validity of the application or any patents issued thereon.

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